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In the Application of:

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FOR: CHEMICALLY ACTIVE FIBER COMPOSITIONS AS DELIVERY SYSTEMS FOR CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS, ESPECIALLY FOR SUBSTANCES USEFUL IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Hon. Asst. Comm. for Patents Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to an Office action mailed May 9, 2000, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks that follow. Accordingly, reconsideration and removal of rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 \P 2, 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

- 1. (once amended) <u>A</u> [An imbibed] fiber comprising:
- a fiber of an elastomeric polymer capable of imbibing a chemotherapeutic agent; and
- a therapeutically effective amount of the (b) chemotherapeutic agent imbibed in the fiber.

In claim 2/line 1, please delete [imbibed].

In claim 3, line 1, please delete [imbibed].

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